

in some justice point seriousness their decision both internally and externally.

Embassy cannot help noting difference Pakistan and Indian attitude of Indochina airlift not to mention complete cooperation we receive from Pakistanis in every field. While natural Pakistan instinct is to ask for moon nevertheless we believe regrettable that by time survey team arrived thinking of Defense and State Departments had not been coordinated sufficiently so that survey team or Embassy could have given some assurance on future prospects and long range objectives our aid programs here. Detailed despatches Saturday pouch.³

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³ Under cover of despatch 649 from Karachi, Apr. 8, Ambassador Hildreth transmitted to the Department the minutes of the meetings described herein, as drafted by the Pakistanis, none printed. (790D.5 MSP/4-854)

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358. For Ambassador from Byroade. It has now been nearly a year since visit Sec and myself to Middle East. Think we would all benefit from chance talk things out and have reached tentative conclusion regional conference Ambassadors at Istanbul would be profitable. Would like frank views Ambassadors as to desirability such meeting in near future. Countries to be included, subject comments, would be Greece, Turkey, Iran, Libya, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Israel, Jordan and Lebanon. ConGen Istanbul would of course be expected attend meetings.

Congressional and other schedules make it appear opening date of May 11 best for my absence from Department. Sessions would be informal and attended by Chiefs of Mission only. Agenda would be furnished by Department and would probably highlight Arab-Israeli situation and regional defense arrangements. If current negotiations or local country crisis should dictate, Ambassador could be represented by Counselor of Embassy. Conference would run about three days.

¹ Drafted by Byroade and cleared by NEA. Sent to Athens, Ankara, Tehran, Karachi, Jidda, Cairo, Baghdad, Damascus, Tel Aviv, Amman, Beirut, Kabul, and also to the Legation in Tripoli and the Consul General in Istanbul.